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Special points of interest:

- Are you registered with the US Embassy
- What can the consular section do for you?
- FSOT registration

Letter from the Consul

I have received some good feedback from the first issue of the ACS Newsletter.

Please remember, if there is something that you'd like to see covered in the newsletter, do not hesitate to contact me.

Hery and I will be traveling to the Comoros September 30—October 2. At this time we will provide all American Citizens Services in-

cluding passport renewal, affidavits, notariats, etc. If you would like to make an appointment, please contact us at antanwar-den@state.gov.

Hery and I will also be in Tamatave and Diego Suarez in November. Once the exact dates are secured I will send out more information. We will be doing ACS outreach at that time

as well. So if you have a document that needs notarizing or a passport that will expire in 2010, you don't have to come to Antananarivo. We will also be doing Diversity Visa outreach during those times. If you have any non-American friends interested in legally living and working in the US, please encourage them to attend these outreach sessions.

Consular Section Hours

Non-immigrant visa interviews:

Monday & Wednesday

7:45—10:45am

Non-immigrant visa pass back

Tuesday & Thursday

4pm

Immigrant visa interviews:

Thursday

9am

American citizen services

Monday—Friday

7:45—11:30am

Afternoons by appointment



The mission of the Bureau of Consular Affairs is to protect the lives and interests of American citizens overseas and to strengthen U.S. border security.

Are you still registered with us?

Is a friend or colleague no longer receiving communications from the US Embassy?

As requested, many Americans informed us of their departure during the political unrest earlier this year. In order to be able to have an accurate representation of Americans still in country, the Consular Section closed the registrations of those who left.

Unfortunately, not

everyone has told us of their arrival back in Madagascar. If you or a friend were previously registered with the US Embassy and are no longer receiving e-mail or SMS messages from us, the registration service could be closed in our system.

If this is the case, there is no need to re-register online (doing so creates duplicate registrations). If you are certain that a registration already exists in our system, simply send

us an e-mail at an-tanwarden@state.gov. We can quickly and easily re-open your registration and you will begin receiving correspondence from us immediately.

Please be sure to pass this information on to your friends and colleagues.

Living in Madagascar?

Many American citizens choose to marry in Madagascar.

Whether you're marrying a Malagasy citizen or another expat, the *maire* (the mayor) will require a

certificate de celibataire. This certificate states that the person wishing to get married is single and free and able to marry. Although the US government does

not have such a document, the US Embassy is still able to help you out.

In order to satisfy this requirement,

Certificate de celibataire continued...

we ask Americans to submit an affidavit stating they are single and free to marry.

As it is an affidavit, this service costs \$30.

We already have

templates that we can fill out, so the only thing you need to bring is your passport and the money (payable in dollars, ariary or by credit card).

We will ask you to sign the paper and the Consul will wit-

ness and seal with the official US Embassy stamp.

This service is provided weekday mornings until 11:30 or in the afternoon by appointment.

The consular section will be closed for routine American citizens services September 30—October 2 and October 20—November 6.

We ask that you please take care of routine services before or after the above time frame.

We will remain available for emergency services.

Interested in Becoming a Diplomat?

The Foreign Service Officer Test (FSOT) will be offered October 3. This test is the first step in the process toward becoming a Foreign Service Generalist.

The deadline to register to take the test in Antananarivo is September 24. No registrations will be accepted after that date. The deadline to schedule a seat in Madagascar is September 28.

If you want to take the test in the US, the deadline for reg-

istration is September 30 and the deadline to schedule a seat is 48 hours before the start of the test.

While diplomatic careers are rewarding, they can require extremely difficult work, hardship and even working under dangerous conditions. To be eligible, the U.S. Department of State requires that all applicants be:

- U.S. citizens on the date they submit their registration package

- At least 20 years old and no older than 59 years of age on the day you submit your registration
- At least 21 years old and not yet 60 on the day you are appointed as a Foreign Service Officer
- Available for worldwide assignments, including Washington, D.C.

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Useful Websites

[Madagascar Country Specific Information](#)

[Comoros Country Specific Information](#)

[General Information About Travel Abroad](#)

www.antananarivo.usembassy.gov

FSOT continued...

For general information about the Foreign Service and FSOT, please visit: <http://careers.state.gov/officer/index.html>

For information on how to choose the career track that is right for you, please visit: <http://careers.state.gov/officer/career-track.html>

To register for the FSOT, please visit: <http://careers.state.gov/officer/register.html>

Note

- We have updated the Madagascar Country Specific Information Sheet. Please click the link above to view the Department of State's new advice regarding travel to Madagascar.
- Town Hall meetings with the Ambassador now occur on a monthly basis. They will be held (unless otherwise notified) the third Wednesday of every month at Villa Liberty (the DCM's house) at 5pm.